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SUBJ: MOROCCAN PHOSPHATE PRICE INCREASE

REF: DUBLIN 1497 (NOTAL

1. PHOSPHATE PRICE INCREASE REFERRED TO REFTEL ANNOUNCED HERE LAST WEEKEND. IT CHARACTERIZED BY GOM PHOSPHATE MINING AND EXPORTING AUTHORITY, OFFICE CHERIFIEN DES PHOSPHATES (OCP) AS TRIPLE PRESENT PRICE OF ABOUT US \$14 A TON. THIS PROBABLY IN PART NEGOTIATING FIGURE FOR INITIAL 1974 CONTRACT TALKS. FINAL WORLD PRICE NEXT YEAR MAY BE NEARER US \$25-30 A TON PREDICTED LAST MONTH BY FINANCIAL TIMES OF LONDON IN ARTICLE REPRINTED HERE.

2. IN ANY CASE, MOROCCAN PRICE INCREASE APPARENTLY RESPONDS SOLELY TO CURRENT BULLSIH WORLD DEMAND FOR PHOSPHATES OF WHICH MOROCCO WORLD'S LEADING EXPORTER. EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIATE IRISH PRESS CHARGE THAT HIKE LINKED TO ARAB ECONOMIC RETALIATION STRATEGY.

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